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During this conversion process, we have identified a small number of paper application files that we cannot locate and need your assistance to reconstruct. Attached is the notice under 37 CFR 1.251 that details the requirements for reconstruction. I am requesting your assistance in order to complete the conversion of all pending files into the IFW system. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Hunter, at (571) 272-8800.

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